

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A power tool, comprising:
a motor housing adapted to house a motor that is configured to drive a working tool;
a base coupled to the motor housing, said base for supporting the motor housing on a surface, said base including a member configured to clamp the base about the motor housing; and
a generally L-shaped handle, having a connecting member coupled to the base and a grasping member, said handle for manipulating the power tool on the surface, wherein the handle defines a channel therethrough with a terminal portion adapted to be attached to a vacuum source that is external to the power tool.
2. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the base is removable from the motor housing.
3. (original) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the base includes:
a base sleeve including a generally cylindrical aperture therein for receiving the motor housing; and
a support member connected to the base sleeve, said support member for supporting the power tool on a workpiece, wherein the generally L-shaped handle is connected to the base sleeve adjacent the interface of the base sleeve and the support member.

4. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 1, further comprising a universal grip coupled to the grasping member, said universal grip being configured to be grasped by various sized human hands.
5. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 1, further comprising a grip coupled to the generally L-shaped handle, said grip being coupled to the L-shaped handle by at least one or more of the following: coating the grip on at least a portion of the generally L-shaped handle, frictionally securing the grip to the generally L-shaped handle, or securing the grip via a fastener to the generally L-shaped handle.
6. (original) The power tool of claim 1, further comprising a generally oblong grip coupled to the generally L-shaped handle.
7. (original) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the grasping member is substantially parallel to the motor housing.
8. (original) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the generally L-shaped handle is removable.
9. (original) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the generally L-shaped handle is connected to the base via a fastener.
10. (cancelled).
11. (original) The power tool of claim 1, further comprising a grip connected to the generally L-shaped handle, said grip being formed of vibration dampening material.
12. (cancelled).

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13. (withdrawn) The power tool of claim ~~12~~, wherein the generally L-shaped handle is formed from shell portions.

14. (original) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the grasping member is adjustably positionable.

15. (cancelled).

16. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the connecting member is configured to support at least a portion of a human hand disposed between the motor housing and the grasping member.

17. (original) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the power tool is configured to permit at least a portion of a user's hand to extend between the motor housing and the grasping member.

18. (original) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the grasping member forms a back hand support for a user's hand when grasping at least a portion of the motor housing.

19. (previously presented) A power tool, comprising:

a motor housing adapted to house a motor that is configured to drive a working tool;

a base coupled to the motor housing, said base for supporting the motor housing on a surface, said base including a member configured to clamp the base about the motor housing;

a generally L-shaped handle, having a connecting member coupled to the base and a grasping member, said handle for manipulating the power tool on a workpiece; and

a grip coupled to the grasping member and having a plurality of protrusions directed inwardly toward the motor housing.

20. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the grip is configured for grasping by various sized human hands.
21. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19 wherein the grip is coupled to the L-shaped handle by at least one or more of the following: coating the grip on at least a portion of the generally L-shaped handle, frictionally securing the grip to the generally L-shaped handle, or securing the grip via a fastener to the generally L-shaped handle.
22. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the grip comprises a generally oblong grip.
23. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the grasping member is substantially parallel to the motor housing.
24. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the generally L-shaped handle is removable.
25. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the generally L-shaped handle is connected to the base via a fastener.
26. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the grasping member includes a terminal zone for coupling a vacuum hose thereto.
27. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the grip comprises a vibration dampening material.
28. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the generally L-shaped handle defines a channel formed therethrough.

29. (withdrawn) The power tool of claim 28, wherein the generally L-shaped handle is formed from shell portions.
30. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the grasping member is adjustably positionable.
31. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the grasping member is angled between 0° (zero degrees) and 20° (twenty degrees) from an axis normal to the connecting member.
32. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the grip is configured to support at least a portion of a human hand disposed between the motor housing and the grasping member.
33. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the grip is configured to permit at least a portion of a user's hand to extend between the motor housing and the grasping member.
34. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 33, wherein the grip forms a back hand support for a user's hand when grasping at least a portion of the motor housing.
- 35-67. (cancelled).
68. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the grasping member is at an angle to the motor housing.
69. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the grasping member and the connecting member are at a substantially right angle with one another.
70. (cancelled).

71. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the grasping member and the connecting member are at an angle of less than 90 degrees to one another.

72-74. (cancelled)

75. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the external vacuum source is not integral with the motor housing.

76. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the grasping member is disposed proximal the motor housing.

77. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the base defines a seam and the member is configured to clamp the base across the seam.

78. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 77, wherein the member comprises at least one of a clamp and a draw member.

79. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the base defines a seam and the member is configured to clamp the base across the seam.

80. (previously presented) The power tool of claim 79, wherein the member comprises at least one of a clamp and a draw member.

81-82. (cancelled).

83. (new) The power tool of claim 1, wherein the member comprises a clamp for releasably clamping the base about the motor housing.

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84. (new) The power tool of claim 19, wherein the member comprises a clamp for releasably clamping the base about the motor housing.